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The suit against Microsoft should be dropped outright by the Federal Government. It was instituted by the previous administration in Washington as repayment for campaign contributions given by AOL, Oracle, at that time, Netscape and others. There is not now and there never has been a monopoly in operating systems. People who buy computers are free to install any operating system they wish or to buy a computer with the system preinstalled. Preference does not make a monopoly.

Technology in recent years has been a blessing for this country and due to companies such as Microsoft we have been on the leading edge. Are there people in Washington who would prefer that in addition to most computers being manufactured in Red China the operating systems should also be? I think the downturn in the NASDAQ is directly related to the Microsoft suit and should serve as a shot across our bow.